

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No: 99V-232 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

AUG 26 1999

Part 573 Report Date: **August 20, 1999**

MANUFACTURER: **General Motors Corporation (GM)**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Frank C. Sonye, Jr.
Director, Product Investigations**

FAX: **(810) 947-2318**

SUBJECT: **1,049 Saturn 2000 S-Series (SC, SW, and SW) vehicles manufactured from June through August 1999. These vehicles do not comply with requirements of FMVSS No. 581, "Bumper Standard." These vehicles were produced with rear bumper fasteners that may be loose or missing. If the fasteners are loose or missing, the rear bumper may not absorb energy as it was designed to do in the event of a rear end collision. GM Recall No. 99054/Saturn Recall No. 00-C-06.**


This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your dealer/owner notification letter drafts and they do not meet the requirements of Part 577. Please remove the word "may" from the second paragraph, first sentence. "Saturn ...S-Series vehicles "may" fail to meet....".

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to occur during August 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

 Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or
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Dear Mr. Sonye:

We have reviewed General Motors Corporation's (GM) Noncompliance Information Report dated August 20, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 1,049 Saturn 2000 S-Series vehicles manufactured from June through August 1999. These vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) No. 581, "Bumper Standard." These vehicles were produced with rear bumper fasteners that may be loose or missing. If the fasteners are loose or missing, the rear bumper may not absorb energy as it was designed to do in the event of a rear end collision. The assigned identification number for this recall is 99V-232 (GM Recall No. 99054/Saturn Recall No. 00-C-06).

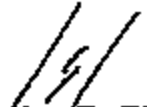
GM is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership. You should know that the agency provides a listing of safety recalls to the media at the end of each month. This recall may be a part of that listing.

Quarterly Status Reports

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Sincerely,


Jonathan D. White, Chief
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